

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2008

A RESOLUTION ON REFORMULATED GASOLINE

Sponsored By: Councilman Doug Hawkins

WHEREAS, Gov. Brereton Jones in 1993 exercised his power under the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 to require that gasoline sold in Metro Louisville be Reformulated Gasoline (RFG) even though the area is not a “non-attainment” area, required by federal law to use only RFG, and as this program is strictly voluntary, the current Governor of Kentucky may under federal EPA regulations “opt-out” of the requirement; and

WHEREAS, RFG is twenty-year old technology which offers no real environmental benefits, given the clean nature of today’s conventional gasoline (CG), which is now controlled for sulfur and the Reid Vapor Point ; and

WHEREAS, RFG is often up to forty cents (\$.40) per gallon more expensive than in surrounding communities where just CG is sold, because of the limited production of this “boutique” fuel; and

WHEREAS, Metro Louisville is just one of six metro areas not on the East or West Coast to use RFG, the others of which are much larger, making Metro Louisville even more of an afterthought for refiners and leaving prices to climb , and

WHEREAS, RFG must be trucked in many hundreds of miles greater than normal CG supplies, thus negating the goal of less overall pollution and energy use.

Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: That Governor Beshear and his staff is hereby asked to draw up new rules for the end of the RFG mandate in Metro Louisville immediately.

SECTION II: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Kathleen J. Herron
Metro Council Clerk

Jim King
President of the Council

Jerry E. Abramson
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Irv Maze
Jefferson County Attorney

BY: _____